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Re: Docket Nos. 01-338, 96-98 and 98-147

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 2, 2004, James Fleming Jr. of Columbia Capital, Michael Huber of the Quadrangle Group, and Karen Knutsen of ML Strategies met with Commissioner Kevin Martin and Daniel Gonzalez, regarding the need to ensure continued access to DS1 loops and EELs. The group raised points consistent with those presented in letters by members of the investor community to Chairman Powell filed on July 22, 2004 and July 28, 2004 in the above referenced dockets.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Michael H. Pryor

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